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Written Testimony of Louis J. Molepske, Jr.
Assembly Bill 153
Continuing Education for Dentists

Good morning Chairperson Vukmir and Members of the Committee on Health and Healthcare Reform. Representative Molepske had hoped to be here to offer his testimony in person, but unfortunately he had to be in court, and as such, he has asked me to address you on his behalf.

Regardless of an individuals chosen profession, their education does not simply end when they complete their formal schooling. Instead, employees of all professions continue to learn new skills as they accumulate experience. For a number of professions, particularly those that are self-regulating, the best means of imparting new schools of thought and tools of the trade is by offering continuing education courses. Continuing education courses supply practitioners with the tools they need to provide their customers with the highest quality and most up-to-date services possible, which is obviously advantageous to consumers. In addition, continuing education courses allow practitioners to make themselves more competitive in the marketplace, which benefits them individually as well. Just last session, we passed Act 318 to require continuing education for dental hygienists. However, somewhat surprisingly, Wisconsin is one of only three states that does not require its dentists to complete continuing education courses as a condition of license renewal. In recognition of the myriad benefits of continuing education, the Wisconsin Dental Association worked with us to draft the legislation that is before you today.

Procedurally speaking, this bill is very straightforward. Its only substantive requirement is that all dentists practicing within the State complete 30 hours of continuing education related to the practice of dentistry every two years, including no less than 25 credit hours of instruction in clinical dentistry. Completion of thirty credit hours will be a prerequisite to license renewal. The dental examining board will have the discretion to waive this requirement if it finds that extraordinary circumstances, such as prolonged illness, have prevented a person licensed to practice dentistry from meeting the requirement. We believe that these relatively straightforward requirements will improve both the treatment that dental patients receive as well as satisfaction with the practice of dentistry on the whole. Passage of this bill is simply a reflection of sound public policy: dentists support it, and it improves the quality of health care for all.

Again, on behalf of both myself and Representative Molepske, thank you all for your time and consideration of this important legislation. I would appreciate it if you would direct all questions or comments to Representative Molepske at a later time. Thank you.

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Assembly Bill 153 Continuing Education for Dentists

- In partnership with the Wisconsin Dental Association, Representatives Strachota and Molepske, along with Senators Erpenbach and Darling, worked together to create uniform standards for continuing education courses for dentists.
- Wisconsin and Colorado are currently the only two states that do not require continuing education courses for dentists. Rhode Island is still finalizing the number of credit hours they will require.
- Technological advances are constantly being made in the health care industry.
 New procedures and medications are always being developed. To give the best possible care to their patients as well as to allow their dental practice to evolve, dentists want to continue their education throughout their professional careers.
- Under current law, dentists must apply to the Dentistry Examining Board for license renewal every two years.
- This bill prohibits the Board from renewing a dentist's license unless the dentist
 can demonstrate that he/she has taught, prepared, attended, or otherwise
 completed 30 credit hours of continuing education related to the practice of
 dentistry, including not less than 25 credit hours of instruction in clinical dentistry
 or clinical medicine.
- The bill authorizes the Board to waive the continuing education requirement in exceptional circumstances, such as prolonged illness or disability.
- Assembly Bill 153 currently has bipartisan support from 30 Legislators. Perhaps most importantly, it is supported by the Wisconsin Dental Association.

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Testimony by Representative Pat Strachota In Support of AB 153

Thank you Chairperson Vukmir and committee members for bringing this bill before you today.

Last session the Health committee considered, and the full legislature ultimately passed, Act 318 which created uniform continuing education standards for dental hygienists.

Today, I ask you to consider AB 153 which provides similar professional education standards for dentists. The bill mandates a 30 hour continuing education requirement for dentists over their two year licensure period with 25 of those hours to be clinical.

Representative Molepske and I have worked in a bi-partisan manner with the Wisconsin Dental Association to craft this bill. The Dental Association will be testifying on behalf of AB 153 later in the hearing and can answer any technical questions the committee may have.

Many dentists already pursue continuing education on their own because the materials and technology of dentistry has changed greatly over the years. However, health care consumers deserve to know that their dentist is up to date on not only new technology but important regulatory changes.

Wisconsin, Colorado and Wyoming are the only three states in the nation that currently do not have any uniform standards of professional continuing education for dentists.

I urge the committee to support AB 153.

CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR DENTISTS AND AUXILIARIES

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CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS OF STATE DENTAL BOARDS FOR DENTISTS AND AUXILIARIES

| | Reported to board after each course | | ves | 1976 | 3 yrs. | 24 | 24 | 46 | Puerto Rico |
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| | Requires annual CE only to renew BLS by dentists & DHs | | | | 1 yr | NA | BLS only | BLS only | vvyoming |
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| | to audit. Only dentists may carry excess hours to next year cycle. | | | | • | | ñ | 3 | Washington |
| | Statement of compliance submitted for license renewal, subject | | yes | 1995 | 1 yr. | | 15 | 5 | Virginia |
| | Den-H 871 Stmt of compliance for license renewal, subject to audit | yes | yes | D 2006/H 1993 | 2 yrs. | | 12 | 30 | Vermont |
| | Enacted March 1996. | | | 1997 | 2 yrs. | | 30 | 30 | Utan |
| | 12 annual, 3 hrs jurisprudence over 3 yrs; *RDA in radiology only | | yes | 2001 | 1 yr. | 12* | 15 | 5 | Texas |
| | Random audit, 2 hours req'd in Chemical Dependency | | yes | 1990 amd 2003 | 2yrs. | 24 | 30 | 40 | Tennessee |
| | Listed on license renewal form; show records on request | | | 1974 | 5 yrs. | 60% | 75 | 100 | South Dakota |
| | Reported to the board annually on form provided. | yes | yes | 1999 | 2 yrs. | 1 | ‡ | 20 | South Carolina. |
| | | | | | · . | | | 3 | Sauth Carolina(1,5) |
| | Triennial changed to biennial in 2005, awaiting into on # of credits | | | 1992/2005 | 2 yrs. | | 30X | 60X | Rhode Island |
| | Documentation submitted with license renewal form. | • | yes | 2001 | 2 yrs. | 5 | 20 | 30 | Pennsylvania |
| | Statement of compliance submitted for license renewal. | yes | yes | 1991 | 2 yrs. | | 24 | 40 | Oregon |
| | Reported to board on special card after each course. | | | 1980 | 3 yrs. | × | 30 | 60 | Oklahoma ⁽⁵⁾ |
| | Affidavit of compliance; produce records upon request. | yes | yes | 1990 | 2 yrs. | ٠ | 12 | 40 | Ohio ⁽³⁾ |
| ٠ | Course outline sent to board after each course. | yes | | 1976/2002 | 2 | 8/yr. | 16 | 32 | North Dakota ⁽⁵⁾ |
| | How Credit is Monitored & Notes | Course | Sponsor | Implemented | Length | Assistant | Hygienist Assistant | Dentist | State |
| | | Approval | Advance Approva | Year (to be) | Cycle | Hours | Required Credit Hours | Regu | |

*District of Columbia and Puerto Rico also require CE for dentists & hygienists. 48

Several states mandate continuing education on specific subjects:

AIDS/HIV: FL, KY (initial licensure; license renewal); WA (initial licensure) INFECTIOUS DISEASE CONTROL: AL, AZ, CA, CT, KY, MD, NM, NY, OH, RI, WV, (WI-DHs only)

CHILD ABUSE IDENTIFICATION AND REPORTING: IA - (Dentists only); NY

CPR (or other Life Support e.g. BLS) CERTIFICATION: ID (DH only); AZ, GA, HI, IA, KY, MD, MN, NV, ND, NC, NM, OK, PA, PR, SC, SD, TN, UT, VA, WY, (WI-DHs only) DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: CT, FL

DRAL HEALTH EFFECTS OF TOBACCO: NY (dentist need only take a 2 hour course one time in career.) DE Credit hours for dentists treating underserved: CT-10, FL-5, ID-5, MN-20, NJ-3, NV-6, WV-5

THICS CE required: IN

) Dental Lab Technicians-8 hours of C.E. every 2 years.

Dentists get max. 20 hrs. of C.E., Hygienist & Assistants 10 hrs. every 2 years for providing volunteer care.
 Only Advanced Dental Assistants must fulfil continuing education requirements.

4) Dental Hygienists and Dental Assistants who operate x-ray machines must take twelve hours C.E. in radiology.

(5) CE waived partially or entirely for active duty military. Check with the dental board for details

(6) Dentists-4 hours CE within two years of initial licensure on medical consequences of an act of terrorism.

egend: x-Regulations regarding CE pending, r-revised

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#04-Continuing Education



WDA Testimony in Support of AB 153 Mandatory Continuing Education for Dentists

Dr. Fred Jaeger, WDA Past President
Assembly Health Committee Public Hearing
Tuesday, March 20, 2007 - 11:00 AM – GAR Hearing Room

Good morning, Madame Chair and members of the Assembly Health Committee. My name is Dr. Fred Jaeger. I am a general dentist who practices right here in Madison and I recently served as president of the Wisconsin Dental Association (WDA).

After four years of undergrad at the University of Notre Dame, I attended four years of dental school at Marquette University School of Dentistry. I graduated with my doctorate in dentistry in1980, after which I did a one-year residency in general dentistry at St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester, New York. I review my education and training because, with the exception of the one-year residency, my path is similar to the path which most of my colleagues have followed. You can see that in order to practice dentistry, a person has to be willing to embrace multiple years of higher education Reviewing the educational requirements needed to earn a dental degree puts into perspective how minimal this CE requirement really is.

I'm here today to testify in support of AB 153 which would require all licensed dentists to take 30 hours of continuing education (CE) during each two-year licensure period. The bill would further clarify that 25 of the 30 CE hours must be of a clinical nature. Wisconsin is currently only one of three states without mandatory CE requirements for dentists. Wyoming and Colorado are the other two states.

Here in our state, we are one of only two health care professions (nursing being the other) that is not currently required to take mandatory CE. The dentists in this state are committed to promoting professional excellence and quality oral health care for the citizens of the State of Wisconsin. In an effort to demonstrate that commitment, the WDA has strongly encouraged dentists to take continuing education to stay abreast of advancements in the art and science of dentistry. We believe the vast majority of dentists already meet these CE requirements each year. It is time for organized dentistry to go on record in favor of continuing education in a way that publicly declares the profession's commitment to lifelong learning.

Regarding the fiscal estimate, it is our understanding that the bill draft would allow an audit to be authorized by the Dentistry Examining Board (DEB). The passage of this bill would not automatically require an audit be conducted but simply provide an estimate of what it would cost, should the DEB decide to require a routine audit. We would appreciate clarification that the DEB and not the DORL is the entity that determines the necessity and/or frequency of this of an audit. This remains the one outstanding issue we have with the current bill draft; we believe that the fiscal estimate is not a necessity of the current language in the bill.

The WDA thanks Representatives Strachota and Molepske and Senators Erpenbach and Darling for their leadership and efforts on this bill. We continue to encourage bi-partisan support for this bill as it moves through the legislative process and we ask for your support as this bill comes up for a vote before this committee. Thank you for your time and attention. I would be happy to take any questions you might have.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Wisconsin Dental Association advances the interests of its members and the dental profession by promoting professional excellence and quality oral health care for the public.